

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PORT M 01163 281047Z
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 AID-05 CCO-00 CIAE-00
OTPE-00 FCC-01 INR-10 NSAE-00 OC-06 ICA-11
COME-00 BIB-01 /066 W
-----120174 290634Z /15
R 280400Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3524
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PORT MORESBY 1163

STATE PASS AID/RDP

SEOUL PASS FOR RSA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETEL, PP
SUBJECT: 1979 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RADIO FREQUENCY
ALLOCATION

1. EMBOFF AND RSA MET WITH ISRAEL EDONI, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, A POSITION WHICH COVERS POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMONG OTHER THINGS. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION EDONI LAMENTED LACK OF U.S. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY BUT OBSERVED THAT PNG TROPOSCATER EQUIPMENT IS U.S. AND PNG PLEASED WITH IT.

2. RSA INQUIRED IF PNG, LIKE TRUST TERRITORIES, WOULD LOSE THEIR TROPOSCATER FREQUENCIES AFTER 1979. EDONI REPLIED THAT BECAUSE PNG IN SECTOR III, IT HAS ANOTHER TWENTY YEARS BEFORE IT MUST FACE THIS ISSUE.

3. EDONI WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER THE MANNER IN WHICH FREQUENCY ALLOCATION DECISIONS ARE MADE. HE SAID THE DISCUSSIONS WERE ALL ABOUT IDEOLOGY RATHER THAN TECHNOLOGY.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PORT M 01163 281047Z

THIS LEAVES HIM UNEASY. AT ONE POINT HE OBSERVED THAT AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY PNG COULD PROBABLY WIN IN A FREQUENCY DISPUTE WITH THE U.S. (I.E. IN GUAM) SIMPLY BECAUSE OF BLOCK VOTING, BUT HE IS NOT SURE THAT IS THE CORRECT OUTCOME.

4. EDONI SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS AN URGENT

NEED FOR A SERIOUS PACIFIC REGION CONFERENCE ON SPECTRUM ALLOCATION PRIOR TO 1979 GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE HOPES THAT A PACIFIC REGION CONFERENCE WOULD DISPASSIONATELY EXPLORE THE TECHNICAL AND POLICY ISSUES AT STAKE IN A NON-IDEOLOGICAL CONTEXT WITH AN EYE TOWARD DEVELOPING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD BEST SERVE THE COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC AND BE SUPPORTED BY ALL AT GENEVA IN 1979.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: EDONI IS A SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANT WITH BOTH THE POSITION AND TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING NECESSARY TO DETERMINE PNG'S TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY. IF THE DEPT. IS WORRIED ABOUT THE LIKELY RESULTS OF THE 1979 GENEVA CONFERENCE, EDONI COULD BE OF GREAT HELP IN ORGANIZING A PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
OLSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: RADIO FREQUENCIES, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PORTM01163
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780311-0644
Format: TEL
From: PORT MORESBY
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978079/aaaaahlh.tel
Line Count: 78
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 835b827a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2100006
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: 1979 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RADIO FREQUENCY ALLOCATION
TAGS: ETEL, PP
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/835b827a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014